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Austin Police Officers will host German Police Officers through STAR International Police Exchange

Four Austin Police Department officers and their families will host four police officers from Germany from September 20, 2008, through October 4, 2008.

Austin Police Officer hosts Ryan Lillie, Ricardo Reza, and Juan Suarez have previously participated in the program in Germany. Officer Jaime Von Seltmann has hosted in the past and speaks fluent German. Each host is primarily responsible for his or her guests' lodging and food.

STAR, an international police exchange, is an organization devoted to the educational benefits of law enforcement personnel. STAR began in the summer of 1985 when a number of police families from California arranged to host West German police officers. STAR gives foreign officers the opportunity to exchange ideas with and learn from other law enforcement officers.

The four German Officers, ranging in rank from Detective to Commander, will be riding out with officers and visiting various police units, such as EOD, Mounted Unit and the Training Academy. They will also be attending a CompStat briefing.

While in Austin, Polizeioberkommissar Rolf Tyra will be marrying his fiancé, Iris Traebing.

For more information about STAR visit the website: www.star-ipe.com

Media Advisory: APD Officers and German Officers will be available for interviews today at 10:15 a.m. at APD Headquarters. Please call APD-PIO if you will attend.

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